

Division of Food and Recreational Safety

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Guidance for Repackaging and Selling Eggs

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) wants to provide additional information related to <u>Emergency Order No.12</u> issued by the Department of Health Services (DHS) at the direction of Gov. Tony Evers.

The Safer at Home order allows for essential operations to continue and includes exemptions for stores that sell groceries and medicine, production of food and beverage, transport, and agriculture. DATCP has received many questions about how the order and exemptions apply to retail food establishments. Here is some clarification.

Are retail food establishments allowed to receive pallets of eggs and repackage them into egg cartons at the facility? And where can firms purchase egg cartons?

Facilities <u>can</u> receive pallets of eggs and repackage them into cartons. Cartons can be purchased from a vendor of the facility's choice.

The following requirements are only in effect during the public health emergency:

- Retail food establishments must clearly display the following information at the point of purchase (e.g., a counter card, sign, tag affixed to the product, or some other appropriate device):
 - Statement of identity
 - The name and location of the manufacturer, packer or distributor

- Safe handling instructions for shell eggs that have not been processed to destroy all viable salmonella
- If shell eggs from multiple suppliers are for sale at the same time and in the same location, it must be made clear to consumers which point of sale labeling applies to which shell eggs.
- The shell eggs must be sold in complete cartons/flats (e.g., 30 eggs in a flat designed to hold 30 eggs).
- There can be no nutrition claims at the point of purchase for the shell eggs.

For additional information, see the <u>temporary</u> <u>policy from the Food and Drug Administration</u>. For more specific guidance on egg production, labeling and selling in Wisconsin, please visit <u>Wis. Admin.</u> <u>Code § ATCP 88.</u>

The <u>State of Wisconsin created a webpage</u> that offers resources from various agencies and answers to critical questions. Here are a few other resources from DHS that might be helpful during this challenging time:

- <u>COVID-19 Information</u>
- COVID-19 Facts: Why Social Distancing
- COVID-19 Facts: Protect Your Family

Email <u>datcpdfrsretail@wisconsin.gov</u> with questions.

